

**King George VI - Third Anniversary of Liberation.**

The Channel Islands were officially liberated from German occupation on the **9<sup>th</sup> May 1945**. In an attempt to revitalize the tourist industry, it was thought a good idea that a series of postage stamps be introduced specifically for use on the Channel Islands. The two stamps issued, the 1d and 2½d, both showed scenes of gathering 'vraic' (seaweed) from the beach using horse-drawn carts, for use as fertilizer which was applied on the land during the winter months.

**Designers**

- **1d - J R R Stobie**, an artist employed by Harrison & Sons Ltd.
- **2½d - Edmund Blampied** (1886-1966), a local artist of repute.



This is the design by J R R Stobie, submitted by Harrisons & Sons, which was chosen as the idea for the set.

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**Printing details**

Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd, High Wycombe, in sheets of 120 stamps, arranged in 20 rows of six stamps.

**Issued date** - The stamps went on sale at post offices throughout the Channel Islands on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1948, as well as the London Chief Office, and the Head Offices in Bristol, Edinburgh, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff, and Belfast. They were withdrawn from sale at the end of September 1948.

**Quantities sold** - figures are shown above each stamp.

**1d** - 5,933,779

**2½d** - 5,398,129



**5 dies**



**4 dies**

	Catalogue Number	Letters	Die in Use	1d C1	2½d C2	Identified user
1	D3630.01	DO/HM	1945-1950	1d	2½d	<i>Two possible mainland users.</i>
2	D4090.01	D.R./C.L.	1930-1954	---	2½d	User unknown - Leeds postmarks.
3	G1390.01	De in G	1876-1972	1d	2½d	<b>Abraham de Gruchy &amp; Co Ltd, Jersey.</b>
4	G1820.01	G.F/S	1930-1965	1d	---	<b>George Farmiloe &amp; Sons Ltd, London EC1.</b>
5	H0012.11	H	1918-1980	1d	---	<i>Three possible mainland users.</i>
6	S5890.01	SPERO	1905-1952	1d	2½d	<b>Richard Hayworth &amp; Co Ltd, Manchester.</b>

Perfin figures correct to **1<sup>st</sup> January 2019**.